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## Randolph selects 2005 Ambassadors

**By Susan Gandy**12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Randolph officials announced the selection of the 2005 Randolph Air Force Base

Ambassadors Dec. 8.

The winners, selected by a panel of six judges, are 2nd Lts. Grant Hosmer, 12th Security Forces Squadron and Zarine Malesra, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron.

The ambassadors will represent the base at more than 75 events throughout the year including parades, social and military functions, hospital and school visits, and the San Antonio Fiesta celebration in April. They will also be present at on-base events like the 4th of July festivities, air show and the annual tree lighting ceremony.

The first official ambassador function is the annual visit to the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital in February.

Lieutenant Hosmer, a native of Sisseton, S.D., is a 12th SFS flight commander. He is responsible for providing on-scene command and control for security forces personnel in response to different situations that may occur on base.

Lieutenant Hosmer said he is excited about his selection as an ambassador and is ready and enthusiastic to serve. Upon hearing he was selected, he was initially a little disbelieving.

"I just went into the board grateful for the opportunity to interview," he said. "To me there is more to serving my country than reporting for

duty and performing to the best of my abilities. It is also my obligation to give back to the local community by offering my time and support when the opportunity presents itself."

Lieutenant Hosmer said Randolph AFB and the surrounding communities enjoy a long and rich history of mutual support and camaraderie that he would like to be a part of and looks forward to representing Randolph and the local military community.

Randolph's other 2005 ambassador, Lieutenant Malesra, was selectively chosen by her peers to take the job of quality control psychologist after demonstrating exemplary work as a test psychologist with AFOMS. In her position she provides technical and editorial guidance to 75 Senior Noncommissioned Officers' assigned as subject-matter experts that develop specialty knowledge tests, promotion fitness examinations, and the Air Force supervisory examinations. In addition, she evaluates test materials and recommends changes in accordance with psychometric principals.

The Daytona Beach, Fla., native said representing Randolph AFB is a once-in-alifetime opportunity.

"When I heard I was selected, I was extremely excited," she said. "I can hardly wait to get involved in all the great community activities."

She said she enjoys participating in activities and events that provide the opportunity to learn and experience new things and gain insight into different cultures and aspects of life.



Second Lts. Zarine Malesra and Grant Hosmer have been selected as the 2005 Randolph Ambassadors and will represent the base at community events and military functions throughout the year. (Photo by Richard McFadden)

## "Help! Someone is taking my baby!"

# Volunteer subdues kidnapper, becomes hero



Staff Sgt. Boyd Walker, 12th Communications Squadron circuit actions NCO. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

**By Jennifer Valentin**Wingspread staff writer

The sergeant expected to spend a Saturday morning helping Marines collect toys. Little did he know he would end up saving a child from being kidnapped.

Staff Sgt. Boyd Walker, 12th Communications Squadron circuit actions NCO, volunteered to help San Antonio Marines collect toys at a local Toys R Us store as part of the 2004 Toys for Tots program.

The sergeant was alone waiting on the Marines to arrive.

"As I was waiting, I saw an SUV shoot across the parking lot, going backwards," he said. "A man was hanging out of the passenger side. The car then stopped because it came to a line of parked cars."

As the sergeant looked to see what was happening, he noticed a woman was driving

the vehicle and screaming, "Help, someone is taking my baby!"

"I started jogging towards the vehicle but I still couldn't believe it," said the sergeant. "As I looked in the driver's side, I saw a man in the passenger seat punching the woman."

As Sergeant Walker ran around to the passenger side he tried to pull the alleged perpetrator out of the vehicle. He noticed the man was much bigger than he was and he was holding the baby seat in the back.

"I could not get a hold of him right away because he was holding on to the child seat," said the sergeant. "The baby was crying and the man was shouting."

Another man in the parking lot tried to help get the man out of the car, but he would not budge, said the sergeant.

"We were trying to calm him down and talk to him," said Sergeant Walker. "I looked at the woman in the driver's seat and she was bleeding and hurt pretty badly."

The man let go of the car seat and began to grab the baby by the shirt and tried to shake the baby out of the seat, he added.

"This is when I realized there was no more time left to negotiate," said Sergeant Walker. "I put the man in a wrist lock and arm barred him to get him to cooperate. He backed out of the car and I got him to lie down on the payement."

As the sergeant heard police sirens in the background, two men sat with Sergeant Walker until the police arrived. After the perpetrator was handcuffed and put in a police car, the woman and baby were taken to an ambulance to be treated.

"I later found out that the man and woman were divorced and that the mom had full custody of the baby," said the sergeant.

See **Hero** on page 5

## 12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

# As of Monday Pilot Instructor Training Squadron Senior Class Overall 99th FTS -2.0 -0.3 558th FTS 0.4 -3.0 559th FTS -6.8 -3.7 560th FTS -3.8 -2.6

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

#### **Navigator, EWO training**

562nd FTS		563rd FTS	
Air Force	262	Undergraduate	49
Navy	69	International	0
International	0	<b>EWC Course</b>	0
NIFT	57	Fundamentals	0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

## Wing Flying Hour Program Aircraft Required Flown Annual

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-1A	2579.5	2253.2	12,184
T-6A	3609.6	3491.3	17,290
T-37B	1921.8	1781.8	8,284
T-38C	2030.0	1996.0	9,729
T-43	876.4	868.5	4,293

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.

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When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

> Col. John Hesterman 12th Flying Training Wing commander

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# Air Force leaders send holiday message

By Dr. James Roche Secretary of the Air Force and

Gen. John Jumper Air Force Chief of Staff

In this special holiday season we offer our sincere best wishes to our Air Force family – our Total Force of active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians, as well as your families who support your remarkable commitment to protect freedom and defend the United States.

You are the most important part of the

world's greatest air and space force - the heart and soul of our combat capability, and the bedrock of what makes this nation great.

For those deployed, please know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers, and that we are enormously proud of the work you're doing. In Afghanistan and Iraq, you continue to fight terrorism while helping courageous people find the path to stability and self-governance. For those of you who serve in the United States, you defend our Republic to keep Americans safe.

At home and abroad, you give our nation

priceless gifts through your service - our cherished freedoms and the opportunity to live in peace.

This is an extraordinary time to be an American and to serve in America's Air Force. We thank each of you and your families for your incomparable commitment. Wherever you may be this season, we encourage you to pause and reflect on your faith, your family, and your

We're honored to serve with you. We wish each of you a happy holiday season and blessings for a prosperous new year!

## A few drinks can ruin life, career

By Col. Gary Lane 5th Maintenance Group commander

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. – With the holiday season upon us, we need to plan our holiday parties and gatherings wisely.

Did you know for \$10 or less, you can be under the influence of alcohol within 1

A 180-pound person who drinks as little as 2.75 ounces of alcohol - three 12-ounce beers, three glasses of wine or two mixed drinks - in one hour registers a .05 bloodalcohol content. The person's blood-alcohol content will escalate to .10 percent if he or she continues to drink as little as 5.5 ounces of alcohol - five beers, five glasses of wine or four mixed drinks.

Most mixed drinks contain more than one ounce of alcohol. The effect of alcohol varies from person to person. This can be due to their individual tolerances, amount of food in their stomach and any type of medication in their system.

Is your life worth only \$10? Is your family worth only \$10? Is your career worth only \$10? Think about it. For as little as \$10, you can drink 5.5 ounces of alcohol, wipe out your life, your family's lives and your career. In addition, if you are lucky enough to be alive, you may carry a felony record and the knowledge you may have killed or severely injured someone with you the rest of your life.

This scenario can change and not be pure gloom and doom. If you plan on drinking, plan on taking a designated driver who will absolutely abstain from drinking alcohol. If you find yourself in a situation where you have been drinking and don't have a designated driver, call a friend or a member of your squadron. If you can't find someone you know to drive you home, call a

No one can fault you if you attempt to get someone sober to drive you home. But don't use this as a crutch to continuously call someone out because you didn't plan ahead.

I know of no supervisor, first

sergeant or commander who will not give you a ride home without reprisal if you have been drinking. There is nothing as heart wrenching as an officer showing up at your family's home at 3 a.m. to tell them that you were killed in an accident because you were drinking and driving. I know, I've had to make this very notification to a family in the mountains of West Virginia.

Hosts and friends also play a very important role during holiday parties. You are responsible for ensuring your guests and friends get home safely. Don't leave this important role to chance. Your friend could be injured or killed. Would you be able to look at yourself in the mirror if that happened? What would you say to yourself at the hospital or funeral? Would you say to that person's family, "I could have stopped them from driving, but I chose not to?"

We spend a lot of time onduty practicing self-aid and buddy-care. Don't we owe it to ourselves, our families and friends to use this off duty? Remember the old adage, "an

**Geraldine Pierce** 

**AETC** 

ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We don't need the "cure" aspect of these programs, but we need the prevention.

Hosts, ensure you have plenty of food and nonalcoholic beverages available from the beginning to the end of the party. Suggest food and non-alcoholic beverages to your guests at least two hours before the end of your party. Stop serving alcohol at the two-hour point and push the food and soft drinks.

The only thing that counteracts the effect of alcohol is time. The more time without alcoholic beverages, the better chances are to reduce your guests' BAC. Take your guests' keys if you have to, because friends don't let friends drive drunk.

The best present hosts can provide to a friend or family member this year is to keep them alive and prevent them from getting behind the wheel with alcohol in their system. Remember to act responsibly during this wonderful time of year, and don't drink and drive. Have a very happy holiday season.

<u>Dec. 31</u>

John Erb

**Electronic Systems Center** 

### **Congratulations Retirees**

**Today** Chief Master Sgt. Marilyn Cunningham Air Education and Training Command

**Chief Master Sgt. Bradley Ward AETC** 

> Dec. 31 Maria Garcia

<u>Jan. 4</u> Lt. Col. Robert Hill

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Dec. 31 Medriece Welch Air Force Personnel Center

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## Randolph Airmen re-enlist

Twenty Randolph Airmen have reenlisted. The re-enlistees are:

12th Flying Training Wing Staff Sgt. Scotty Johns 12th Operations Group Staff Sgt. Voyd Butler Senior Airman ShaRhonda Harrison 12th Medical Operations Squadron Senior Airman Antoine Hall Staff Sgt. Oscar Molina

12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron Staff Sgt. Garrett Miller Staff Sgt. Denise Hodge

12th Comptroller Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Rodriguez 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Victoria Diaz

Senior Airman Erin Watrous

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# Air Force senior NCO honored at Navy school

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

"I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy." Though he's an Airman, these words from the Sailor's Creed have a special meaning for Senior Master Sgt. Ruben Gonzalez, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command chief of executive services.

He was one of 60 NCOs who graduated from the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy in Class 114, Dec. 2. He was honored as the top graduate in the class, receiving the Peter Tomich Distinguished Graduate Award.

"It's an exciting opportunity for Air Force senior NCOs to see some of the inner workings of another service," he said. "There are 15 slots available every year for Air Force people to attend the Navy school. I'd recommend it to any Air Force senior NCO who is serious about working with our sister services."

Located at Naval Station Newport, R.I., the academy is part of a complex of Navy schools that can be compared to the campus and schools at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"It was very convenient," Sergeant Gonzalez said, "because the dormitories and classrooms were all in the same building. Fifty five of the students were Navy, so it was just three Air Force, one Army and one foreign student who had to get used to talking about decks, galleys and heads. Then there was all the other Navy jargon to absorb."

The class was divided into small groups that worked and studied together for the entire eight weeks of the course, the sergeant said.

"Our group of 11 shipmates bonded quickly and made a strong team for all our combined activities," he said. "It was an experience I'll never forget."

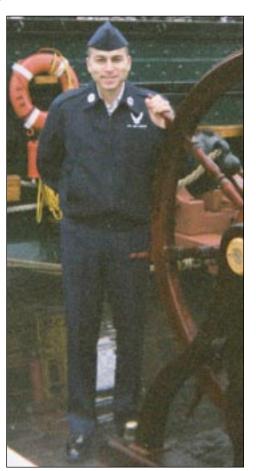
The instructors were superb and the course material was challenging, he said, "It was all the same kind of things the Air Force teaches in its senior NCO courses: leadership, management, communication skills, strate-gic thinking, the profession of arms and, of course, physical training.

"The Naval War College set up a war game based on a terrorist scenario in which we played out actions involving national-level intelligence. Throughout the course there was considerable emphasis on the 'purple suit' idea of joint service support," he said. "There was even an Air Force sergeant on the permanent staff."

Sergeant Gonzalez's academic and professional work earned him a berth on the dean's list, a place on the honor graduate list, the City of Newport Mayor's Academic Award, as well as the Tomich Award. The Tomich Award is the equivalent of the Levitow Award given at Air Force NCO professional military schools.

"But the best honor was receiving an honorary senior chief petty officer rank from my shipmates," he said. "That's the one I really treasure."

Sergeant Gonzalez is a native of Eagle Pass, Texas, is married and the father of two boys. He has been in the Air Force for 19 years and is serving as an information manager.



Senior Master Sgt. Ruben Gonzalez, **Headquarters Air Education and Training** Command, visits the deck of the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. Navy, during a field trip while he attends the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy at Newport, R. I. (courtesy

# They drive, you arrive

## Holiday program prevents traffic injuries, fatalities

By Jennifer Valentin Wingspread staff writer

Friends don't let friends drive drunk. So Randolph members are supporting the 12th Services Division Holiday Designated Driver Program, "Leave the Driving to Us." to help prevent other members from drinking and

Drunk driving traffic accidents are the nation's most frequently committed violent crime, according to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization. This holiday season, people who choose to drink should be aware of the dangers of drinking and driving.

According to MADD, an estimated 513,000 people are injured in alcohol-related crashes every year. This total breaks down to about one person being injured on the road every 60 seconds. On average three out of 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic crash at some time in

"The program is a way for us to place special emphasis on reducing alcohol-related incidents during this busier time of the year," said Shelta Reese, 12th Services Division marketing director. "It also supports Air Force policy guidance regarding the Drunk and Drugged Driving Program."

Current Randolph club members identified as designated drivers for holiday events held at the Randolph clubs, bowling center or golf course will receive an entry form from management. Each week the clubs draw for \$10 in club bucks and in January will draw for the grand prize and second and third place winners.

The grand prize is a voucher for a one-week stay at a resort location of the winner's choice through the Armed Forces Vacation Club or a \$250 Services Bucks voucher for redemption at any 12th Services facility. Second and third place winners will receive either \$50 in club bucks or a \$50 Boss and Buddy party.

The program runs through Jan. 3.

For more information about "Leave the Driving to Us," contact one of the base clubs.

**DON'T Drink & Drive** 

Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., Air **Education and Training Command** vice commander, receives the Order of the Sword Dec. 10 from Chief Master Sgt. Michael Mazzi (center), Air University command chief master sergeant, and Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers, AETC command chief master sergeant. General Hopper is the third person to receive the AETC Order of the Sword since the command was established in July 1993. The Order of the Sword is the highest honor given by the enlisted corps.

(Photo by Alan Boedeker)



## Randolph joins initial launch of NSPS

## New civilian management system to begin here in late 2005, early 2006

By Michael Briggs 12th Flying Training Wing **Public Affairs** 

The Department of Defense announced Tuesday Randolph employees will transition to the new civil service management system known as the National Security Personnel System about a year from now.

The more than 3,700 civilians here will be among the initial group of 300,000 general schedule employees to convert to NSPS during the three-phase Spiral One launch of the program, said Mary Lacey, Department of Defense program executive

In her announcement to DoD organizations involved in the implementation of NSPS, she said the new program provides many benefits over the current civilian personnel system.

"NSPS provides a unique opportunity to increase the effectiveness of our Department through a simplified personnel management system that will improve the way we hire and assign, as well as compensate and reward our employees," Ms. Lacey said. "It will provide the Department with a modern, flexible and agile human resource system that can be more responsive to the national security environment, while enhancing employee involvement, protections and benefits."

Lackland Air Force Base will be the first base in Air Education and Training Command to implement NSPS during Phase I of Spiral One in July 2005, said Brenda McCain, Randolph civilian personnel officer. Spiral One has three phases that cover an 18-month period.

Randolph and Brooks City-Base will transition during Phase II later in the year or in early 2006, she said. Personnel teams here will provide more information to base employees as Randolph moves closer to implementation in late 2005.

"One of the most important steps in smoothly transitioning to NSPS will be your understanding of the new system," she said. "You will have many opportunities to learn about the 'who, what, where, when and how' of operating under NSPS. (Randolph) will be hosting a variety of communications forums and learning events, and all employees will receive extensive training on the specifics of NSPS prior to conversion."

She said an employee handbook and NSPS tutorial under

development will be posted in February on the NSPS Web site at www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps.

Currently, DoD is working with the Office of Personnel Management on finalizing the NSPS regulations that will be published in the Federal Register for public comment and coordination with employee representatives, Ms. Lacey reported. Once this process is completed, DoD will begin implementing NSPS.

Ms. McCain said a two-fold training strategy has been established to help employees transition to NSPS. First, DoD will offer specialized courses for all the functional areas covered in the NSPS regulation to ensure the workforce, both employees and management, is given the training needed to understand and implement the system. These will include pay-banding, staffing flexibilities, performance management, employee engagement, labor relations, appeals process and other matters, she said.

"Second, because performance management under NSPS will be a radical departure from the way we currently manage and compensate employees, each DoD agency will offer a variety of informational forums and learning opportunities designed to assist commanders, senior leaders, supervisors and employees in adapting and prospering with NSPS," Ms. McCain said.

As Randolph approaches its conversion date, specific times and dates of these training opportunities will be widely published for employees and managers to sign up for, she added.

She suggested people sign up for the electronic NSPS newsletter that is automatically sent to their e-mail accounts. To sign up for "Air Force NSPS News," people should send a blank e-mail to join-afdppn@mercury.afnews.af.mil and put "joinafdppn" in the subject line.

"Management at all levels is committed to ensure every single employee, supervisor and manager gets the proper training and information to make this new system work," Ms. McCain said. "A key component of NSPS is increasing the communication between every supervisor and employee as they discuss and develop performance objectives together. NSPS involves a complete cultural change for our workforce, but a positive one. Civilian employees will actually understand how the work they do day in and day out impacts their organization, their installation, and the Air Force as a whole."

## Career broadening

## Enlisted special duty assignment team visits base

The Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Assignment Team offering enlisted members the opportunity to expand their career experience by applying for a special duty

The team is seeking qualified members to fill the following positions: recruiter, military training instructor, military training leader, technical training instructor and professional military education

They are hosting a special duty assignment briefing Jan. 12 from 1:30 -3 p.m. in the base theater.

"Everyone remembers their MTI," said Master Sgt. Edward Bradley, MTI Recruiting Team superintendent. "The MTI sets the stage for each individual's success in the Air Force and mentors hundreds of new Air Force members. The job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding our future Airman. Besides these intangible benefits, we also are entitled to special duty assignment pay and an annual supplemental clothing allowance."

In order to qualify for consideration, a member must be a senior airman with at least 36 months time in service through master sergeant with less than 17 years total active federal military service. Airmen from all Air Force Specialty Codes that meet the identified criteria are eligible to apply for these positions and are encouraged to attend the briefing. Spouses of potential applicants are also

"Recruiters are responsible for the number and quality of young men and women who enlist and begin their Air Force careers," said Master Sgt. Richard DeLacy, NCO in Charge of the Recruiter Screening Team. "We are the first to touch the lives of our future Airman. One of our best entitlements is the opportunity to choose your own recruiting assignment from more than 1,100 possible locations."

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring the completed application with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, call Master Sgt. Ron Pierson, 12th Flying Training Wing career advisor, at 652-4590, or go online to https://www-r.randolph.af.mil/-12ftw/wing/caa/index.htm.

## **Christmas & New Year's Hours**

**Family Support Center** 

Dec. 17 - noon to 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 23, 24, 30, 31 - Closed

12th Medical Group Clinic

Dec. 23, 24, 30, 31 - Closed **Vehicle Operations Element** 

Dec. 24 - Closed (reopens 6 a.m. Dec. 26)

Dec. 31 - Closed (reopens 6 a.m. Jan. 2)

**Airmen Dining Facility** Dec. 18-Jan. 5 - Closed

**Bowling Center** 

Dec. 23 - 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Family Day Special - 1-8 p.m.

Dec. 24 - Closed

Dec. 25 - 1 to midnight

Open Bowling - 1-7 p.m.

Thunder Alley - 8 p.m. to midnight

Dec. 30 - 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dec 31 - Kids Celebration - 5-8 p.m.

Adults Celebration - 9 p.m. to midnight

Jan. 1 - 1 to midnight

Canyon Lake Office & Marina

Dec. 25, Jan. 1 - Closed

**Child Development Center & Annex** 

Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

**Enlisted Club** 

Dec. 24 - Gil's Pub: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 25 - Closed

Dec. 31 - Gil's Pub: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for New Year's Eve celebration

Dec. 31 - Closed

Officers' Club

Dec. 24 through 30 - Closed

Dec. 31 - Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for New

Year's Eve celebration

Reservations Only Jan. 1 - Closed

**Family Child Care Office** 

Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

**Fitness Center** 

Dec 23 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 24 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 25 - Closed

Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Golf Course** 

Dec. 23 - 6 a.m. to Dusk

Dec. 24 - 8 a.m. Shotgun start

Pro Shop closes at 1 p.m. Snack Bar - Closed

Dec. 25 - Closed

Dec. 30, 31 - 6 a.m. to Dusk

Jan. 1 - 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

8 a.m. Shotgun start

Pro Shop closes at 1 p.m.

Snack Bar - Closed

**Human Resources Office** Dec. 23 - 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 24, 25 - Closed

Dec. 30 - 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 31. Jan. 1 - Closed

**Information, Tickets and Travel Equipment Checkout** 

Dec. 23 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 24, 25 - Closed

Dec. 30 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

Library

Dec. 23 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 24, 25 - Closed

Dec. 26 - Noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 30 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

**Skeet Range** 

Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

**Skills Craft Center** 

Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

**Auto Skills Center** 

Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

Wood Skills Center

Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

**Veterinary Clinic** Dec. 20-22, 27, 28 - 7:30 a.m. to noon

Dec. 23, 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

Dec. 29 - Closed (for inventory)

**Youth Center** 

Dec. 23, 30 - 1-6 p.m.

Dec. 24, 25 - Closed

Dec. 31, Jan. 1 - Closed **Youth Center School Age Program** 

Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Jan. 1 - Closed

## Government Travel Card for official use only

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

Using Government Travel Cards provides a convenient way for service members and Department of Defense civilians to pay expenses for official travel. But with every convenience comes opportunity for misuse.

Capt. Johnny Bevers, 12th Comptroller Squadron financial services officer, said the holiday season has, in the past, been a time when some card users have pressed the limits of what is authorized – and some have slipped over that boundary.

"Maybe we just need to be reminded to be careful, but a carelessly used card can create a real problem for a military career," he said. "We've seen cases where some members have used their GTCs while on leave to make airfare purchases, buy Christmas gifts and even pay non-duty-related restaurant tabs. This is clearly a violation of the rules for their use and will result in disciplinary action when it's discovered."

All government cardholders are responsible for payment in full of the amount in the monthly billing statement. The DoD requires military members and civilian employees to use the split disbursement payment process. This speeds up the payment process and helps reduce the amount of work for everyone involved, Captain Bevers said.

Split disbursement refers to the process of paying for official travel-related expenses that are identified on a member's claim for reimbursement, but the finance office pays the government travel card portion of the claim directly to the credit card company.

"We are recommending that all Agency Program Coordinators run delinquency reports just before Christmas," said Tech. Sgt. John Robinson, 12th CPTS GTC program coordinator. "Then they should follow up the first week in January with another run and compare the data to find any discrepancies."

People should report questionable card usage to the GTC program coordinator and the unit commander, the sergeant said.

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Suicide prevention survey

Lt. Gen. John Hopper, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, has directed all AETC Airmen and civilians to complete a survey concerning Air Force suicide prevention programs. The survey for members is available at https:// private.amc.af.mil/sg/sgpm/ids/.

A separate survey for supervisors, first sergeants and commanders is available at https://private.amc.af.mil/ sg/sgpm/survey/.

Both surveys must be completed by Dec. 29.

#### Fellowship Program

The Air Force Personnel Center is accepting applications from Airmen for the White House Fellowships Program, one of America's most prestigeous programs for leadership.

People are selected each year to work full-time for one year as special

assistants to senior executives in cabinet-level agencies or in the executive office of the president.

There are no restrictions for age, sex, race, or physical requirements.

Completed applications, including endorse-ments, must be postmarked by Jan. 3 and sent to HQ AFPC / DPAPE, 550 C St. West, Suite 32, Randolph AFB, Tx. 78150-4734.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.whitehouse.gov/fellows, call (202) 395-4522 or see the local military personnel flight.

#### Space and Missle officers

The deadline for officers to apply for retraining into the space and missile career field has been extended to Jan. 3.

Applications information can be found at http://afpc.randolph.af.mil /nrops/13S/SPAM%20Home.htm, or call 565-2646.

## Hero

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"The dad was trying to take the child from the mom."

As it turns out, the father would only be charged with assault against the mother, unless the baby was hurt, he said. The father would have had to actually take the baby and run away with it to be charged with attempted kidnapping.

"During the whole situation, I was pretty calm," said Sergeant Walker. "I didn't want to use force, but had to when I saw there was no other choice."

Afterward, Sergeant Walker finished his time volunteering

"I'm glad I was there and was able to do something," said Sergeant Walker. "Every time I see an Amber Alert, I'm reminded how frequently events like this happen. The woman was scared, and I wouldn't want to see this happen to anyone.

"I would like to say I had a heroic feeling, but the truth is I saw the situation and did what I was supposed to do," said Sergeant Walker. "I was just glad I could do something to

Sergeant Walker epitomizes what a leader should be in the military, said his supervisor, Master Sgt. Jaime Larasantos.

"He is not only the best at his job, he also takes time to give to the community, volunteering for many different fundraisers and functions," Sergeant Larasantos said.

Last year, when a young Airman was involved in a hit and run accident and did not have enough money to pay the deductible to fix his car, Sergeant Walker singlehandedly organized a burger sale and raised \$500 to help the Airman fix his car. This is a true testament to his character.

## All wrapped up



Airman 1st Class Ben Johns and Senior Airman Marlene Perez, Air Education and **Training Command, wrap** Christmas gifts at the base exchange. The holiday giftwrapping fundraiser takes place through Dec. 24 at the BX. It gives base organizations the chance to raise money for their office. For more information on volunteering or scheduling an organization to wrap gifts, call Capt. Sarah Cantrell at 652-6962. (Photo by Steve White)

## Standardized customer service hours begin Jan.

In an effort to standardize customer service walk-in hours as much as possible, the 12th Mission Support Group, in conjunction with the 12th Comptroller Squadron, has established new customer service walk-in hours effective Jan. 3.

Work centers open for walk-in service Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. include:

- Military personnel flight
- · Civilian personnel flight
- Finance
- Education center
- Family support center
- 12th MSG Orderly Room
- Household goods office
- Do-It-Yourself Move office
- Passenger ticketing office
- Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis shop

Due to unique requirements, the following work centers will have non-standard customer service hours as follows:

- East Gate Visitor Center: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Civil Engineer Self-Help Center: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- CE Service Call: 6:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Housing Office: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. • HAZMART: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# Airmen face involuntary retraining during Phase II

## Many have already changed career fields

Although many Airmen have already volunteered to change career fields or separate under the initial phase of the Air Force's fiscal 2005 noncommissioned officer retraining program, 668 other active-duty Airmen face involuntary retraining.

In Phase I of the program, Air Force officials notified more than 3,000 Airmen selected as "vulnerable" to retrain and asked them to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into.

As part of Phase II, 668 active-duty Airmen have been targeted for involuntary retraining into a specialty chosen for them by Air Force Personnel Center enlisted retraining officials here.

Phase II began Dec. 2 and runs through Feb. 28.

"This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air Force by putting Airmen where they are needed most," said Tech. Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe, NCO in

charge of Air Force enlisted retraining.

"The retraining program is designed to help balance the enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages," said Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Reed, chief of AFPC's skills management branch.

"We will work with those Airmen who are selected for retraining, as we would any retraining case, in order to make the transition as smooth as possible for the Airman and his or her family while still meeting the needs of the Air Force," Sergeant

Johnson-Roscoe said. Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force specialty are posted on the Web and will be updated weekly online at www.afpc.randolph-

.af.mil/enlskills/Retraining/retraining.htm. Airmen interested in more details about the program can contact their local military personnel flight.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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# Gifts for seniors bring Christmas cheer

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

The men and women of Headquarters 19th Air Force have taken on a project to spread Christmas cheer in a special way.

"Gift giving at Christmas so often focuses on children that people sometimes forget the elderly," said Yolanda Mateos, a secretary in the 19th AF Logistics office. "One group of elderly who are especially vulnerable at this time of year are those living in retirement and nursing homes."

With permission from the senior headquarters officers, Ms. Mateos contacted the staff of a local retirement home, Autumn Winds in Schertz, and secured their cooperation. Then she put up a display in the headquarters hallway with the names of 83 Autumn Winds residents and their Christmas wish lists.

"I was amazed at how quickly everyone in the building got the word about the project," Ms. Mateos said. "All the names were claimed in less than a week and the gifts started to pour in. Some of our people claimed two and even more names. A few people on temporary duty away from Randolph asked co-workers to pick up names for them."

Ms. Mateos expressed that members of 19th AF do a lot of things together like a small family. Expanding their group with 83 more is a great addition to that family.

The Autumn Winds people asked for simple things, said Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Woodruff, 19th AF legal specialist. "They asked for things like socks, underclothes, or stationery. It was fun shopping for things you know they really wanted and could use right away."

Both women agreed that, while giving gifts to thankful people always brings satisfaction, seeing the enthusiastic response of the people in the headquarters was just as heartwarming.

Pointing to the stack of wrapped presents waiting to be delivered, Ms. Mateos asked with a sparkle in her eyes, "Wouldn't this be a great tradition to start?"



Yolanda Mateos and Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Woodruff, both of Headquarters 19th Air Force, share the joy of gathering Christmas gifts for the residents of Autumn Winds Retirement Lodge. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

# Wheels fly as new skate park opens

**By Jennifer Valentin** Wingspread staff writer

They would use street curbs and make-shift ramps, but now Randolph skaters have a place to call home.

The 12th Services Division Youth Program opened the ramps to the base skate park during a grand opening ceremony Saturday.

The event included free food, drinks and lots of giveaway items.

Three local skateboard teams, Evolution Skateboards, First and Ten and Fast Forward, brokein the new ramps with high-flying acrobatic routines and skateboarding techniques, then the grounds were open for base members to showcase their skills.

"We invite everyone to come and try out the new skate park, whether they want to bring their skateboards, rollerblades or just watch. It's fun for the whole family," said John Myers, director of youth programs.

The equipment usage is free and visitors are authorized to only use skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates and scooters. The park is open 24 hours a day.

Since the park has open availability to the public youth program officials stress for members to follow the park rules, especially those concerning helmets.

"All we ask is that the rules posted at the park be obeyed," said Mr. Myers. "Helmets must be properly worn with chinstraps secured at all times."

The park is funded by Air Education and Training Command and purchased from Exerplay Inc. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was made possible through a sponsorship by Exerplay Inc., Evolution Skateboards, First and Ten and Fast Forward.

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### RANDOLPH SKATE PARK RULES

- 1. Know your ability and skate at your own risk.
- 2. Children 9 years old and below must have responsible adult supervision.
- 3. Helmets must be properly worn, with chinstraps secured, by all skateboarders, roller-bladers, and roller skaters, while inside the skate park (per RAFB Instruction 31-204, para A3.13.6.) Skateboarders, rollerbladers, and roller skaters are also highly encouraged to wear wrist guards with plastic or metal inserts, elbow pads, and knee pads while inside the park.
- 4. Closed toe shoes are required while skating.
- **5.** Only skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades and scooters are allowed in the skate park.
- **6.** Use of alcohol, tobacco products, and illegal substances is prohibited inside the park and the surrounding area.
- **7.** Inappropriate behavior (to include but not limited to spitting, fighting, horseplay, sexually explicit behavior and use of profanity) is prohibited.
- **8.** Youth Center staff and/or security forces personnel reserve the right to restrict entry or ask persons to leave if rules are not followed.
- **9.** Please report any defects, damage or safety concerns immediately to the Youth Center at 652-2088
- **10.** In the event of an emergency, call 911. The nearest emergency phone is located at the restroom facility, Building 389, adjacent to the skate park.



A skateboarder who visited the new skate park on Saturday checks out the action on one of the ramps. (Photo by Steve White)

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Score

## Go team



The Senior Renegades finished a 7-1 season by defeating the Austin Ravens 35-22, bringing home the Texas Youth Football Association championship trophy. The Randolph Youth Program sponsors contact football teams each year that participate in the TYFA. The age groups are 11 (Juniors) and 12-13 (Seniors). The league is made up of teams from San Antonio, Austin and Fredericksburg. (Photo by Capt. Jeff Owen)

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	Deb Hayes	215			
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3	Heather Hellmann	204			

## **SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### Ro-Hawks basketball

The Randolph Ro-Hawks boys' basketball team improved their season record to 4-1 after a 67-31 win over Hondo Tuesday. Leading scorers were seniors Brandon Ervin with 24 points and Chris Goad and junior Zach Collins each contributing nine points.

The Ro-Hawks also competed in the Marion Tournament Dec. 4-5 capturing a 69-30 win over Poteet and a 62-43 win over Poth before being edged out by Devine 52-49 despite a furious comeback. Ervin was chosen for the All Tournament Team.

## Men's basketball

The Randolph Men's Basketball Team won the Joe

Hall Basketball Tournament Saturday at Lackland by defeating the Air Force Academy 81-68. The team shut out Brooks City Base 91-59, Lackland 88-71 and Fort Sam Houston 97-95 to qualify for a spot in the championship game. Leading scorers were Paul Spencer, 63 points, Tyrone Williams, 61 points and Fabian Benson, 49 points.

#### Intro to line dancing

The fitness center hosts a four-part introduction to line dancing class starting Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. The class meets Mondays and costs \$10. Participants are asked to wear gym shoes.

To sign up or for more information, call 652-5216.

### Resolution 5K run/walk

The fitness center hosts its annual Resolution 5K Run/Walk Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. at Eberle Park. The free event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders.

Pre-registration is at the fitness center front desk Dec.

For more information, call 652-2955.

#### Junior golf class

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course conducts a junior golf class Dec. 27-31. Classes meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon daily. The cost is \$30 per player. Charles Bishop, a PGA teaching professional, conducts the class.

To register or for more information, call 652-4653.

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